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REMARKS

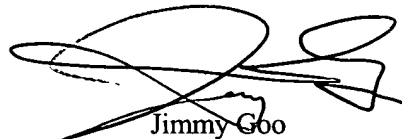
Reconsideration of this application is now being requested. Claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 12 are now in this application. Claims 1-2 and 12 have been amended. Claims 6-7, 9 and 11 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Malcolm et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,790,939. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claims 6-7 or claim 9, which were indicated as allowable. Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 11, which was indicated as allowable. Thus, it is now felt that claims 1 and 2 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Malcolm et al.

Claims 3-5, 8, 10 and 12 depend upon, and include all the limitations of, either claim 1 or claim 2. Thus, claims 3-5, 8, 10 and 12 are also felt to be patentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Malcolm et al.

No additional fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,
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